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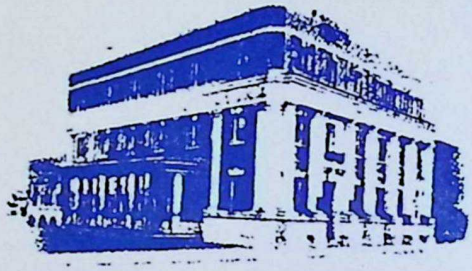

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NATIONAL COMMANDER'S MESSAGE

Dear Comrades:

Now that the summer vacations are over, and the fall season is here, the work for the coming year is about to start; let's all put our best effort into our organization and make this year a huge success by increasing our general membership.

Let each Department Commander and Chapter Commander form their committees and see to it that each and every Y.D. man has been personally contacted about paying his dues and getting back into the Y.D.V.A. with the rest of his buddies.

To the Members of the National Executive Committee:

Try and attend each and every meeting so we can all have our say on all matters that come before the committee.

An invitation was accepted to attend a joint reunion of the 101 Trench Mortar Battery of the Yankee Division of World War I, and annual outing of the Androscoggin Valley Chapter of the Y.D.V.A. which was held at East Auburn, Maine. After I had been called on for a few remarks, some of those present turned in their dues who were delinquent for a few years. That just goes to show that if you talk Y.D. to a Y.D. man you can get him back into the Y.D.V.A.

Thanks to Henry Moore, of New York, Commander of Chapter Y.D., and also the host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cychol, of East Auburn, Maine, for the wonderful time and lobster feed my wife and I really enjoyed, together with the new friends we made.

Let's not forget to attend the testimonial banquet for our Past National Commander, James F. B. Meikle, which will be held in Bristol, Connecticut, October 15, 1955; he did such an excellent job as your National Commander of Y.D.V.A. 1954-55.

Following the testimonial banquet, we will hold a National Executive Committee meeting.

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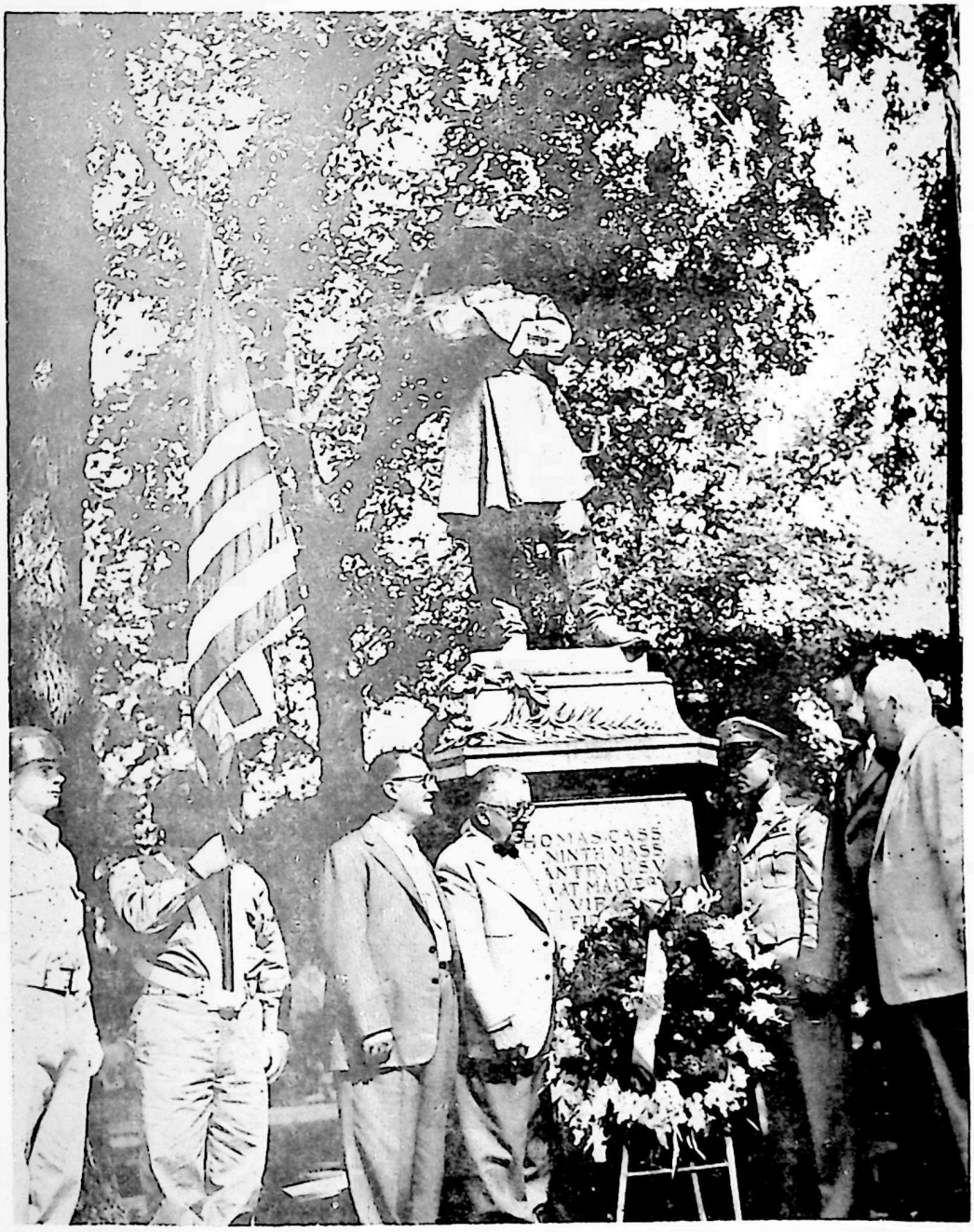
The 36th Annual Convention held in Boston on Sept. 9th, 10th and 11th was a grand success, highlighted by several events as follows:

Friday evening at the Boston Y.D. Club several hundred members met for the first social affair of the week-end, the regimental dance with entertainment. On Saturday morning the Honorable, John B. Hynes Mayor of the City of Boston tendered a breakfast to the organization and believe it or not, but, 150 members attended this wonderful breakfast and started off the busy Saturday with a bang.

Soon after the Mayor's Breakfast, which was held at the Parker House Hotel, the group marched to the Public Garden where the statue of Colonel Cass stands, for the



101st Infantry Veterans Association during the Annual Reunion Sept. 9th thru 11th, 1955, placing wreath upon Statue of Col. Cass at Public Garden, Boston, Mass.
Left to right: 101st Infantry Color Guard, Color Bearer, S. Russell Murray, Gen. Wm. J. Blake, Col. Richard J. Quigley, Col. Richard P. Sullivan and Gen. Vincent C. Breen.

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Memorial Service in memory of this great man, the 1st Commander of the old 9th, later to be called our own 101st Infantry. Col. Richard J. Quigley, Commanding Officer of the 101st Infantry Regiment was the Chairman of this event and as usual did a fine job. His Adjutant Major Frank Kiley did a remarkable job on describing the History of the organization from the day Colonel Cass conceived the idea of forming a military group to the present day of our own 101st Infantry Regiment of the National Guard so ably commanded by Colonel Richard J. Quigley and his staff. A wreath was placed upon Col. Cass's Statue by Gen. Wm. J. Blake, Gen. Vincent C. Breen, Col. Richard P. Sullivan, Col. Richard J. Quigley and Pres. John J. Rogan, Jr. The next event on a very heavy 101st Infantry Association schedule was the dinner at 1 P.M. at the Parker House Hotel tendered to the 101st Infantry Assoc. by the Honorable Christian A. Herter, Governor of the Commonwealth of Mass. Col. John O'Brien of the Governor's Staff did a very commendable job as toastmaster and another young fellow who has somewhat adopted the 101st as his own, Gus Means D.S.C., represented the Governor and brought his own and the Governor best wishes to all members of the 101st Inf. At this dinner Pres. John J. Rogan made the announcement of another wonderful gift to the Charitable Foundation by our own S. Russell Murray of a $5,000.00 check to this fund.

The meeting and election of officers for the new year was held at 2:30 P.M. Saturday afternoon at which time a motion, discussion and vote, was held that the Annual Memorial Mass would be by the entire Association and the new President would appoint a ten man committee to set the date and draw up plans for this affair. A splendid Financial report was given by the Treasurer Martin F. Sullivan and a rising vote of thanks was given by the group for his outstanding work. The new officers for the year 1955-56 are President, Richard P. Sullivan; 1st Vice President, Danny De Yesso; 2nd Vice President, Frederick Jackson; Treasurer, Martin F. Sullivan and Secretary, Albert E. McPhee.

The days final event was a tremendous success financially and socially. A wonderful catered turkey supper and just a few speeches by Congressman John W. McCormack, his nephew, and Knocko's Son, Councilor Edw. J. McCormack, Councilor Edw. F. McLaughlin, Harold P. MacLeod, Captain of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Co., and Wm. P. Coffey, 101st Past President. John W. Coughlin gave thanks too and a short story about Russ Murray for his great continual contributions to the Charitable Foundation set up for all Veterans and their dependents. Other head table guests called upon for a bow. Past Pres. of the 101st Inf. and present Commander of the Y.D. Club of Boston, George McDonald. Gen. Vincent Breen D.S.C. Past President of the 101st and present commander of the Army and Navy Legion of Valor, Mrs. Edward L. Logan and her daughter Patricia and Colonel Richard J. Quigley and the toastmaster and new President of the Assoc. Richard P. Sullivan D.S.C. The regular toast to our departed comrades was given by Colonel Richard J. Quigley and Col. Richard P. Sullivan, D.S.C. and His Honor John B. Hynes Mayor of Boston. These gentlemen popped the champagne and poured it, and the Irish Whiskey into the Logan-Duffy mixing bowl for the ever popular toast in memory of our departed comrades.

The Convention was concluded on Sunday, Sept. 11th at 10 A.M. by Church Services at St. Cecelia's Church Boston, Mass.

Richard P. Sullivan, *Pres.*
Albert E. McPhee, *Sec.*

'JIM' MEIKLE'S TESTIMONIAL DINNER

The testimonial dinner for your Past National Commander, James F. B. Meikle, will be held October 15th, at 7:00 P.M., at the Elk's Home on Main Street in Bristol, Conn.

The dinner will consist of Roast Beef with all its embellishments at a cost of only $5.00 per person. This will be one of the greatest testimonial dinners ever held for one of our greatest P.N.C. Tickets may be obtained from Guy Watts at the Y.D. Club of Boston, Mass., or from me, 45 Main Street, Rocky Hill, Conn.

Reservations must be in by October 11th. Anyone wishing to stay overnight in Connecticut may make reservations in advance to either of the above for the Town Club in Bristol or at other hotels in and around Hartford.

This will be an outstanding Y.D. affair and we would like to see you in your uniform or beret — the ladies in their best bib and tucker — but come and bring your friends — and please, *please make early reservations.*

Howard W. Titus, Chairman
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Department of Connecticut purchased four Y. D. Histories which were distributed to the Vets Hospitals in Connecticut. Received thank you note worded as follows:—

"This is to acknowledge with grateful thanks, the four copies of the History of the Yankee Division, presented to the Veterans Hospitals by the Department of Connecticut, Yankee Division Veterans Association."

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John H. White,
Chief Special Services

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence I. Hammer, (Co 'K', 104th Inf. WW-II) on the birth of a baby boy, of six pounds born at Lebanon Hospital, Bronx, N. Y., Sept. 12, 1955. Lawrence is National Judge Advocate of the YDVA and a member of the New York Chapter.

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Past Commander YD Club of Boston Dinner

A testimonial dinner will be held at the YD Club of Boston Sunday, October 23, commencing at 6:30 P.M. for Past Commander George F. Johnson of the YD Club of Boston.

George Johnson has long been active in YD affairs, not only as a member of the YD Veterans Association but also in the 101st and 104th Infantry Veterans Association.

Past Commander Johnson served in World War II with the 101st and the 104th Infantry. Among his decorations in addition to many other service awards is the Silver Star for gallantry in action, the Bronze Star, the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman's Badge.

At present George Johnson has continued his military service as commanding officer of the 2nd Battalion of the 301st Inf. 95th Div. ORC with the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Past Commander Johnson at present conducts a successful hardware business in Roxbury and his energetic and organizational ability was rewarded with several years as president of the Massachusetts Wholesale Hardware Dealers Association.

Playing an important part in many of Past Commander Johnson activities are Anne Johnson his wife and a son George Jr.

George Johnson, Past President Y. D. Club of Boston, congratulating Heavyweight Champion Rocky Marciano on his victory over Archie Moore

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Yankee Division Veterans Association National Executive Committee

The last regular meeting of the Y.D. Veterans Association, National Executive Committee was held on Sunday, September 18, 1955 at the Y.D. Club of Worcester.

The meeting was opened at 3:00 p.m. by National Commander Anderson with the salute to the colors and the prayer was read by P.N.C. James Sullivan.

National Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting and they were accepted with the explanation of the Amendment to the motion to reimburse the National Treasurer to be added.

The following were present: National Commander, National Secretary, National Treasurer, National Americanization Officer, National Assistant Judge Advocate, National Assistant Service Officer, Committeeman-at-Large Nute. Past Commanders Sullivan and Bourget, State Department Commanders Reimer and Weaver, Chapter Commanders McDonald, Boston, Tarleton of Haverhill, Gadd of Portsmouth, Porter of the M. A. Connor Chapter, Balise of Northampton. Guests were Ernest Meteyer, Dr. Brown, Eugene Gilliam, Harold Fallon, Sheldon Goodwin.

Treasurer Pacifici gave a detailed report of the first two months of the fiscal year covering July and August and it showed a slight deficit for those two months. Membership to date of August 1st was 1955. Treasurer's report was accepted and placed on file.

Unfinished Business: Discussion was had on the filling of the office of National Service Officer; PNC Sullivan made a Motion, Seconded by Nute that the name of Matthew J. Ryan be named to fill the office of National Service Officer: A Motion was made, Seconded and Passed that the Nominations be closed. A Motion was made, Seconded and Passed that the Secretary cast one vote for the name of Matthew J. Ryan as National Service Officer. It was suggested that the office of Assistant Service Officer be filled by appointment by the National Commander. Commander Anderson appointed Harold Fallon of Manchester, N. H., as Assistant Service Officer.

National Commander Anderson appointed PNC Joseph Bourget as Chairman of the By-Laws Committee.

Committee Reports—Ways & Means: Chairman Sullivan suggested we try and get some of the WW-II Auto plates from the Boston Chapter and try and get some revenue from them. It was suggested that the Commanders of the Departments be on the Committee and was accepted by the Chairman.

Y.D. Camp Edwards Placques: Chairman Watts reported he and Frank White met with the Park Commissioner of the City of Boston and his Engineer and they promised to bring the placques back from Camp Edwards and store them, either at their storehouse or any place designated. Also suggested that a spot at Copley Square, Boston might be available for a suitable Memorial. Report accepted as one of Progress.

Y.D. Stamps: Chairman Watts reported that the new stamps had been received and that 1956 had been added and they would be sent out soon.

Howard Titus reported on the Testimonial Dinner to PNC James F. B. Meikle to be held at Bristol, Conn., on October 15th at 7:00 p.m. Tickets have been distributed to the Chapters and are $5.00 each.

Commander Anderson asked for discussion on the Services to be held at the Cathedral of the Pines. It was the consensus of opinion that 3:00 p.m. would be the best time for the services.

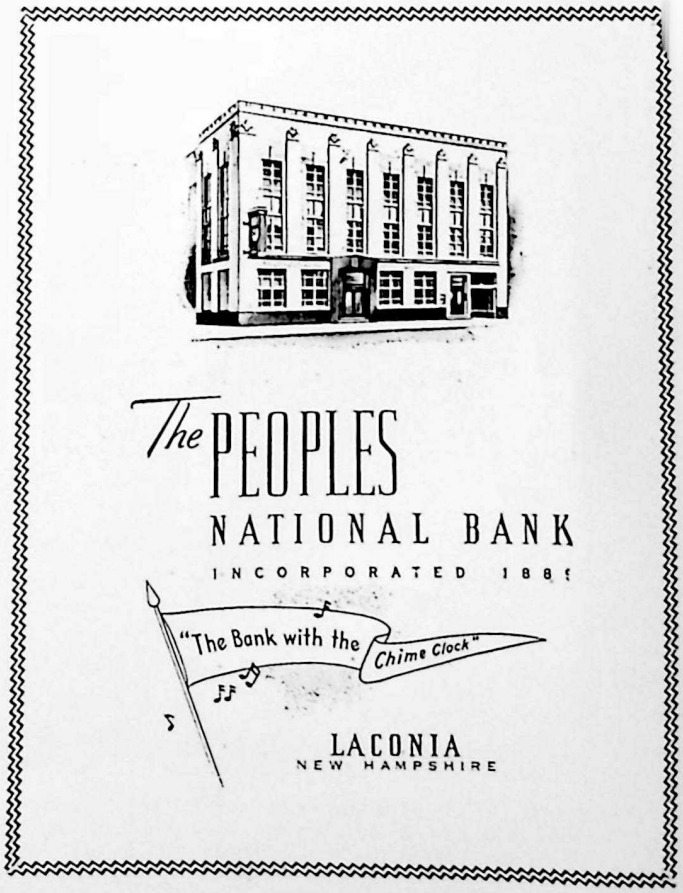
Dr. Brown spoke on Flood relief: Asked if there were many Y.D. men suffered losses. Lindgren stated that he would try and find out before the next meeting if there were any in the Connecticut Valley where the flood hit the hardest.

PNC Sullivan made a motion, Seconded by Ryan that the Secretary hire a part time assistant in the National Office for a sum of not to exceed $25.00. An Amendment was made and Seconded that this be limited to four weeks: Amendment Passed. Motion Passed.

Sick: John Comeau of Haverhill reported very ill at the Quigley Memorial Hospital at Chelsea, Mass.

It was suggested that we try and get Y.D. Plates for Autos in Massachusetts: Stated that the Boston Chapter was working on that.

Commander McDonald of the Boston Chapter announced the Y.D. Ball to be held at the Sheridan Plaza Hotel, Boston, Mass., December 2, 1955. Admission free. Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.



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By Major John J. Molloy
Public Information Officer
26th Yankee Infantry Division

All of the summer training and the testing of the 26th Yankee Infantry Division was not accomplished at Camp Drum, New York this year. With the initial loading of almost half of the division aboard trucks for the 2-day trek to Drum, Major General Edward D. Sirois and his staff planners had placed the accent on "mobility." Just 14 days later, almost to the hour, MOBILITY became the most valuable asset the YD had.

Promptly at 0600 on Friday, August 19th, the lead vehicles of the first march serials crossed the I.P. at Camp Drum and headed home. As the minutes ticked off, serial after serial rumbled by and six huge columns made up of almost 2,000 vehicles and carrying some 5,000 troops and equipment had fanned out over New York state. 5,000 more troops, on foot, were packing their gear and heading for the railroad sidings to meet the Pullmans.

A storm does not happen on any schedule and its size and capabilities are not easily mapped for immediate action. Reports had reached HQ at Drum that heavy rains were falling in Massachusetts and Connecticut, but the convoy columns were almost three hours on the roads before the mounting tabulations heralded a major catastrophe . . . a disaster which was to dwarf recent hurricanes and tornadoes.

Realizing that the rolling columns were destined to run head on into a massive storm area, the mounting reports of "washouts" forced a hurried staff conference on "Division Hill" at Drum. A look at the maps and a spotting of the towns mentioned in reports as being "inundated," proved that the entire Connecticut River Valley running North and South, would present a gigantic problem for our east-west bound vehicles.

The C.G. and Lt. Col. A. R. Wilkinson, G-4, immediately ordered a rerouting of those units which were then moving toward trouble spots. Brief radioed orders were flashed to column commanders. A graphic message reached the P.I.O. from United Press stating: "Highways and houses being washed away . . . Otis Dam at point of breaking . . . state of emergency has been declared . . . evacuation of families is underway below Otis Dam.

"SEARCH . . . SEGREGATE" "Aggressor" prisoners taken after a skirmish with a 26th Reconnaissance Company patrol are searched before being brought to a rear area for segregation and later interrogation. The reconnaissance company of the division is one of the principal G-2 agencies used in the collection of enemy information which will later be transformed into "INTELLIGENCE."

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Simultaneous with the "washout" alert, came requests for engineer help. With much of the 101st Combat Engineer Battalion already on the road, YD officers requested a C-47 transport plane to pick up "duck" operators from the Division for use near Springfield.

"If troops are needed," said Gen. Sirois, "we can stop our convoys and dispatch them to any area. We have established a rear C.P. at Drum and a forward C.P. at Voorheesville, N. Y. under command of Lt. Col. William Porter." (G-3) Sirois and his CofS Col. Richard Chadwick then left for the advance C.P. by staff car.

That portion of the 104th (Springfield) Regiment which was then on the road, was released from division control to its commander Col. Albert Gramm, to enable him to make an on-the-spot decision as to whether or not to proceed at once to home stations and disregard all previous travel plans and reroutings.

Operating from the rear CP, Major General William H. Harrison, Jr., the Adjutant General of Massachusetts, alerted the 400 Air National Guard troops in the Westfield area and authorized the State Police to discharge "duck" operators to assist where needed. He also ordered the 182nd Regimental Combat team at its home stations in and near Boston, to "stand-by."

Brig. Gen. Otis M. Whitney, ADC of the YD and Commissioner of Public Safety was sent ahead by the Division C.G. to ascertain the full extent of the disaster, but was forced to land at Westover SAC Air Force Base and proceed by State Police cruisers.

As the rerouted convoys moved eastward, the situation worsened and still another rerouting was ordered. Two columns were ordered to "feed" and "gas-up" at the Turner's Falls Airport, where they were to have bivouacked. They then left for their home stations at midnight and arrived at 4 A.M. after more than 20 hours on the road . . . covering some 500 miles . . . under the worst possible driving conditions.

Back at Camp Drum, railroad officials had reported to the rear CP that it would be impossible to move the 5,000 officers and men in trains which had been previously scheduled to depart on Friday night. Further complicating this problem was the fact that the 27th Armored Division of New York had started to move into Drum to start its training cycle. A night bivouac at the railhead was the only answer with a fast-moving 26th Quartermaster Company racing around to dig up extra rations for Saturday and Sunday—and who knew how many other days?

Saturday morning saw the mud-spattered vehicles and red-eyed drivers roll into their armories as the sun rose. Service Company of the 104th was called up immediately upon its arrival for duty in the hard-hit town of Westfield. Three days later it was relieved by H. Company, 104th. Elements of Companies I and L of the 181st went to work at Southbridge on a volunteer basis. A detachment of the 101st Combat Engineer Battalion had no sooner climbed down from their vehicles than they were "saddling-up" again and on theiy way to Charlton, Mass., where they began the vital operation of a water-point in that flood-crushed community.

No major troop units were called-out but hundreds of volunteer Guardsmen joined searchers and rescue workers to help in the worst flood in Massachusett's long history. Segments of the 26th QM Company were attached to troops at Southbridge and men from the 101st Infantry and the 18th FA Bn., began an "ice-run" to powerless cities and towns.

Left, but not forgotten were the "lost battalions" near the Canadian border. After working on the famous "Red-Ball-Express" in the ETO, where speed was the basic factor, G-4 Wilkinson considered every plan in the book including a forced road-march . . and then he waited. His was the choice of calling for the return of the convoys, seeking out enough MATS planes—or using an infamous shuttle-march with the 27th New York Armored Division lugging the men as far as the state line.

He camped on "line-604"—the last phone of the Division at Camp Drum and watched the 27th roll in, putting a further logistical "squeeze" on the 5,000 "Yankees." Finally at noon on Saturday, RR officials agreed that they could meet the train schedule already prepared . . . 24 hours late.

Have you ever seen a logistical move involving ten-thousand men? Do you know how much time it takes to plan one—a normal movement that is? Well add all of the ingredients that we have mentioned in the previous paragraphs and cut your planning-time allottment to about one hour and see what you come up with!

Said Colonel N. Landon Head, regular army Division Advisor: "We couldn't have planned a more rigorous TEST for the Division." Said General Sirois: "It was an unfortunate circumstance . . . but as far as 'training' is concerned, it was the best training we have ever had."

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WINNERS or LOSERS

By Leon F. Denis

Recent developments in the repatriation of Korea war prisoners from Red China has clearly indicated a decline in moral and personal responsibility as well as backbone and integrity of modern American manhood.

True, American prisoners in Red China were abused, mistreated and what have you; but, so were our prisoners of the Japs and Nazis of 10 years ago, yet they did not defect to the enemy so readily or turn against their own. This change definitely reflects altered conditions at home in the past 10 years, and this change reflects a decline in the moral fibre and backbone of the post-war generation that requires strong methods to correct. True, a let-down is to be more or less expected in any post-war period, but, must it make us so soft as to sacrifice all our backbone and moral fibre and sense of values in the process.

The American passion for pleasure of all sorts, more and more leisure and idle time certainly has been no real boon to our cultural or real economic progress. Neither has the degeneration of what we used to call ambition, now turned to just plain avarice been of much help in strengthening the moral and spiritual characteristics of our so-called "superior" way of life. Surely its been nothing to really gloat about to other nationalities or races of people elsewhere.

The fact both sexes in post-war "development" consider it smart to spend so much of their idle time in taverns with a view to easy "pick-ups" of the opposite sex could hardly be called an improvement in integrity or morals. Neither is parental neglect of children and total failure to be responsible for them in any way a trait to be proud of or one that will be of much help to the coming generation of adolescents and liquor drinking teen-agers.

The Home has become merely a mail address or a place where ANY member of the family occasionally has a meal and sometimes sleeps, not knowing or caring in the least what any of the other members of the family do or fail to do at any time — day or night. As the home or family does, so does any individual member thereof.

As to the military services, it has also been too disinterested in the free or idle time of enlisted personnel. A face-lifting attempt was and is made to put certain "establishments" on off-limits status from time to time, but what those measures actually accomplish is somewhat doubtful.

On the other hand, military personnel has been sharpshooted at all too frequently with Congressional assent in various attempts to curtail military posts in entertainment, recreation and any other field where individuals spend a little money in their free time. Any means seems justified to force the individual to spend ALL his money "off the post," to be more promptly and effectively fleeced by one and all.

Services have attempted a so-called "character guidance" program with rather questionable results.

Nobody really "wants" to do anything that makes life for anybody else more wholesome, much less those in uniform — consequently their sense of moral values and integrity is bound to decline as a direct result. One and all refuses in any way to consider himself "his brothers keeper."

The public has nobody but themselves to blame for the shameful results in POW's or otherwise, it's the results of their own creation and an octopus which the public itself placed the various tentacles on by their own actions.

YD POST No. 290 A. L.

At one of the largest and liveliest Post meetings of recent years the "Yankee Division Post No. 290 American Legion" held its annual election of officers for the year 1955-56.

After a spirited election the following named members of the Post were selected by the body to conduct the affairs of the Post for the ensuing year. Joseph M. Brackett, Commander; John A. Dewire, Senior Vice Commander; Frank Donovan, Junior Vice Commander; P.C. Farrell Trayers, Adjutant; P.C. William P. Riley, Finance Officer; P.C. Andrew (Scotty) Duncan, Chaplain. The Executive Committee will be Walter Burke, Past President of the YD Club of Boston, P.C. John H. Smith, Fred L. Jackson, Past Commander of the YD Post and also Past President of the YD Club of Boston, Allen Lyndell, William P. O'Connor, Past President of the YD Club of Boston and the 101st Infantry Veterans Association, Joseph P. Simmons, P.C. and Daniel McCormack. The following were elected as delegates to the County Council: P.C. Daniel Donovan, Joseph Gillis and P.C. Henry Crawford.

Commander-Elect Joe Brackett has been an active member of the Boston Chapter for many years. He is at present a member of the Governing Board of the Boston Club. Joe served in WW-I with the 101st Field Signal Battalion.

The Post will install the newly elected officers on October 24, 1955 at 8:30 P.M. at the Boston YD Club. All members of the YDVA and their friends are cordially invited. The installation will be proceeded by a cocktail hour in the Club lounge.

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36th Annual Convention, Manchester, N. H.

JUNE 19, 1955

The 36th Annual Convention of the YD Veterans Association was opened at the Sweeney Post A. L. Quarters in Manchester, N. H., at 10:55 a.m. on June 19, 1955.

National Commander James Meikle opened the Annual business meeting with thirty seconds of silence and a salute to the colors.

National Secretary Watts read the "Call of the Convention."

National Commander Meikle declared the 36th Annual business meeting of the YD Veterans Association open for business.

The National Commander recognized the following Past National Commanders, James H. Sullivan, Joseph L. Bourget, and Ralph A. Turgeon.

A Motion was made, Seconded and Passed that we dispense with the reading of the minutes of the previous Convention.

National Commander Meikle named the following to serve on the Resolutions Comm., Joseph L. Bourget, Chairman; William Soutard, Charles Gleason, Albert Herman, Dr. Joseph Surls, Dr. Chester Brown, Ralph Turgeon.

The Sergeant-at-Arms Howard Titus announced the arrival of the Mayor and several other distinguished guests; who were to be presented with YD Meritorious Certificates.

The following were presented with Certificates by National Commander Meikle, after being introduced by Past National Commander Dunlap, and each one gave a few appropriate remarks of thanks. They were Chief of Police McGranaghan, Chief of Fire Dept. Guervin, Manager of the Veterans Hospital Dr. E. K. Brunner, President of the Chamber of Commerce Herbert Brewster, Supt. of Parks T. Edward McIntyre, Attorney William H. Craig, Commanding Officer of Grenier Air Force Base Colonel Eugene C. Woltz, Vice Pres. of the Convention Corp Shirley Luscombe and Mayor of Manchester Josephat T. Benoit.

National Commander Meikle thanked Past National Commander Dunlap for his assistance in introducing the distinguished guests. All were invited to stay for the meeting or if they had business elsewhere they would be allowed to depart.

Dr. Chester Brown, General Chairman of the Convention Corp. gave a brief talk on the activities of the next two days of the Convention and hopes that everyone will enjoy their visit to Manchester.

Report of Committee on placing of wreath at the 'Cathedral of Pines.' Clarence L. Anderson stating that he and State Dept. Becard visited the Cathedral of Pines on Memorial Day and placed the wreath on the Altar representing all YD men. There were hundreds of wreaths from all over the country. The Annual Pilgrimage will be on September 11th at 11 a.m.

The meeting was recessed at 12:15 p.m. until 10:00 a.m. on Saturday at the Hotel Carpenter.

Meeting Saturday, June 11, 1955

The 36th Annual Business meeting of the YD Veterans Association recessed from yesterday was opened at the Hotel Carpenter, Manchester, N. H., by National Commander Meikle at 11:00 a.m. with the salute to the colors. PNC Michael O'Connor read the prayer. There were 140 present at the opening of the meeting.

The Meritorious Certificates not given out on Friday were distributed.

The following Past National Commanders were present and asked to stand and be recognized: Albert Herman, Ralph Turgeon, James Sullivan, Ben Bourn, Joseph Bourget, Michael Dell Isola, Michael O'Connor and John Dunlap.

Treasurers Report: National Treasurer Albert Pacifici read a very thorough and accurate detailed report of the finances of the Association for the past year. The report is to be printed in a coming issue of Yankee Doings. Report was accepted as read and placed on file.

A Motion was made, Seconded, and Passed that a rising vote of thanks be given to our National Treasurer Albert M. Pacifici for the finest report the Association has ever been given. Rising vote given.

Major Jean Tessier, Military Attache of the Embassy of France at Washington was escorted to the platform by the National Sergeant-at-Arms and warmly greeted by National Commander Meikle and the delegates. Major Tessier spoke briefly of the wonderful work done in France by the 26th Division in both WW-I and WW-II and brought the greetings of the Republic of France to the YD.

A Motion was made, Seconded and Passed that the best wishes of the YD Veterans Association be taken back to France, by Major Tessier.

Resolution Committee Report: Chairman Joseph Bourget read the report of the Resolutions committee—There were six Resolutions Numbers 1 (one) and 2 (two) were recommended by the Committee to be rejected. It was voted to reject. The other four resolutions were recommended by the Committee and all passed.

Chairman of the By-Laws Committee Thomas Crokan gave a report on the work of the By-Laws Committee for the year.

William P. Coffey, Vice Commander of the Boston Chapter was escorted to the platform. He told of the wonderful work done for veterans by one of the members of the Boston Chapter by name, S. Russell Murray, who is General Manager of the Raynham Racing Commission. He has given over a million dollars to Veterans in the past ten years and thru his good work has helped the families of Veterans in need and done wonderful work for veterans who really needed assistance.

Michael P. O'Connor, Chairman of the Nominating Committee read the slate of officers selected for the coming year as follows:

Honorary National Commander—

Lieutenant General W. S. Paul, Division C.O. WW-II

National Commander—

Clarence L. Anderson, 104th Infantry (Portsmouth)

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Howard Titus, 101st Supply Train (Hartford)
National Service—
Dr. Jos. K. Surls, 101st Engineers (New York)
National Assistant Service—
Matthew J. Ryan, 101st Infantry (Boston)
Americanization—
Albert E. Lindgren, 103rd M.G. Bn. (New Haven)
National Historian—
John J. Goss, 101st Sanitary Train (Hartford)
National Assistant Historian—
Earl W. Eames, 101st Signal (Boston)
Hospitalization—
Francis C. White, 104th Infantry (Boston)
Committees:
Maine—Elton P. Walker, 103rd F. A. (Portland)
New Hampshire—Charles V. Weaver, 102nd F. A. (Manchester)
Vermont—Charles Gleason, 102nd M.G. Bn. (Rutland)
Massachusetts—Roy W. Reimer, 101st F. A. (Boston)
Rhode Island—Walter G. Misewicz, 104th Infantry (Pawtucket)
East—Robert B. Dickson, 101st Engineers (New York)
Mid. West—Harry B. Schnell, 102nd Inf. (Cleveland)
West—Albert J. Shepard, 103rd Infantry (Los Angeles)
At Large—
Walter B. Vickory, 103rd F. A. (Providence)
Harold A. Nute, 104th Infantry (Worcester)
Charles Bailey, 103rd Infantry (Manchester)
M. Justynowicz, 104th Infantry (New York)
William P. Connors, 101st Infantry (Boston)

A Motion was made, Seconded and Passed that the Secretary cast one vote for the entire slate, with the exception of the National Service Officer, who has stated that he could not serve this year. Secretary cast the ballot and the election for made legal.

There being no bids for the next Convention it was left in the hands of the National Executive Committee.

Newly elected National Commander Clarence L. Anderson was escorted to the platform by the National Sergeant-at-Arms. Commander Anderson announced the appointment of John Bechard and Roy Reimer as the National Sergeant-at-Arms. Past National Commander Meikle and Past National Sergeant-at-Arms Titus were escorted from the platform by the newly elected sergeants-at-arms. National Commander Anderson asked for the assistance of every member for the coming year and hopes that it will be a banner year. Thanked all members for their past efforts and hope they will continue to do the same.

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 p.m.

Y.D.V.A.

Statement of Income and Expenses
For the Year Ending June 30, 1955

INCOME

Dues 2,856 and 1 at (1)	$ 8,568.00
Advertising	464.54
Y. D. Stamps	1,084.35
Sales Auto Plates	21.75
From Boston Convention 1954	1,024.00
Donations Ladies Auxiliary (Philadelphia)	5.00
Donations Nat'l Y.D.V.A. Ladies Auxiliary	25 00
Donations C. Rowell	2.00
Miscellaneous	7.25
Total Income	$11,201.89

LESS OPERATIVE EXPENSES

Salaries	$ 4,305.00
Yankee Doings Expense	3,877.75
Telephone and Telegraph Charges	253.05
Travel Expenses	734.07
Administrative Expenses	1,498.82
Total Expenses	$10,668.69
Income in Excess of Expenses	$ 533.20

ANALYSIS OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES

Bank Charges	$ 12.6
Cathedral of The Pines Expense	42.1
Lawton Vernwood Press	401.2
Publication of Death Notices	40.0
Flowers	10.00
Flags for Memorial Church Belleau	45.17
Past Commanders Buttons	39.60
John A. Lowell Co. "Engravers"	83.62
Postmaster, Boston	361.12
Payroll Tax Expense	102.38
Office Expenses and Services	360.90
	$ 1,498.82

BALANCE SHEET
June 30, 1955

ASSETS

Cash in Banks	$ 3,353.37
History Advances	2,643.40
Total Assets	$ 5,996.77

LIABILITIES AND NET WORTH

Accounts Payable	$ 385.30
With-held Taxes Payable	195.00
Total Liabilities	580.30
Prepaid Dues	3,960.00
Net Worth	1,456.47
Total Liabilities and Net Worth	$ 5,996.77

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The "staff-of-life" comes in for 49,555 pounds and hungry YD troops whose appetites were whetted by long hours in the field at Camp Drum, "inhaled" fifty-five TONS of potatoes and gulped down 294,525 half-pints of milk during their two week stay.

Lt. James Clancy of Millis, Mass., is the Quartermaster Supply Officer, whose duty it is to draw these "rations" from the Post Quartermaster and re-issue it at a ration breakdown point to the various YD units, consistent with a daily menu which is prepared and issued to the unit Mess Stewards. Assisting Clancy is Master Sergeant Paul Culverwell of Ashland. Others in the Food Service Section of the Company include Warrant Officer William Cook of Northboro, M/Sgt Joseph Carter of Reading and SFC Louis DePalma of Milford.

The 26th Quartermaster Company of Framingham so administers the other supply needs of the YD. ExecO, Capt. John F. Shaughnessy of Framingham says that the motor vehicles of the division drew and used one hundred sixty-five thousand GALLONS of gasoline at Camp. This excludes the amount used enroute to and from the New York location. Some 40,000 gallons of 86A high octane was used by the tanks of the division.

The men of the 26th QM come from 25 greater Boston communities. With excellent cooperation from the Commissary Department of the regular service at Drum, they also draw and supply the ten-thousand men of the YD with cots, mattresses and sanitation equipment and they provide QM transportation as well.

The "Class II" and "Class IV" supply, more commonly known as clothing and equipment is supervised by Capt. Thomas Haskell of Ashland and SFC Earl G. Leach of Framingham. "Class III" or gas and oil supplies are checked by SFC John F. Ruverano of Framingham. The supply platoon is commanded by Lt. Alfred T. McGrath of Natick aided by M/Sgt. Clayton D. Orser of Framingham. The Field Service Platoon is commanded by Lt. Ralph F. Noonan of Natick assisted by SFC Stanley Davis of Framingham.

Not all of the food issued is of the common "bread-and-butter" variety. The "frosting" is added to the "cake" with such items as melons and oranges which were served at ten-thousand-breakfasts . . . and pies and cobblers at a like number of dinners . . . and all the "greens" for salads that normally appear at tables at home. . . for lunch.

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Commander: Roy W. Reimer, 39 Brookdale Rd., Brighton, Mass.
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BEVERLY CHAPTER

Commander-Secretary: Thomas J. Wallace
33 Thorndike St., Beverly, Mass.

Now that the summer of 1956 has gone into history and everyone having enjoyed his or her vacation in their own manner, The Beverly Chapter YDVA commenced the fall season by having a very enjoyable dinner meeting at the Essex Sea Grill on the evening of Tuesday, September 13th. It was one of the largest gatherings that we have had. Everyone had their own choice of sea food and from all accounts the "Kitchen Detail" was kept very busy. Following the dinner a short business meeting was held by the members followed by a most enjoyable social hour. Among those present, of whom we have not seen for a long time, and we hope that they will return, were Mr. and Mrs. Eliot F. Tozier, Mr. and Mrs. Abel Katz and Mr. and Mrs. William (Soupy) Campbell, others present were Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Ellery S. Webber, Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Sherman, Mr. and Mrs. Earle W. Soper, Mr. and Mrs. Russell Perkins, Mr. and Mrs. Gordon C. Coole, Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Standley, Mr. and Mrs. Norman A. MacLean and Mr. and Mrs. "Yours Truly."

What have some of our members been doing during the summer months? Well, I can commence by saying that Bob Standley and friend went on a cruise down the Maine coast, as Bob is quite a sail-boat enthusiast. Bertram Nelson and Frank Smith both of whom have been employed at the United Shoe Machinery for well over 40 years have recently retired. Bert is planning on sightseeing of the United States, something he has been unable to do in many years. As for Frank, shortly after his retirement, flew by TWA to Seattle, Wash., to visit his son William, who is Commissioner of Public Works for the city of Seattle. Upon his return to Beverly, Frank had a high honor bestowed upon him by being appointed by Mayor Clarence Wilkinson, as Director of Civil Defense for the City of Beverly. He has selected as his Deputy, Mellen W. Jones. With a team starting out like that, the Beverly Civil Defense should go places. Civil Defense throughout the country needs a big boost, as it is taken altogether too lightly.

Thomas J. Wallace, *Comdr.*

BOSTON CHAPTER

Commander: George A. McDonald
200 Huntington Avenue, Boston, Mass.
Secretary: H. Guy Watts
200 Huntington Ave., Boston, Mass.

After a summer of real hot weather the V.F.W. National Convention started things popping at the Club with a dinner on Thursday evening, September 1st with over a hundred attending. Bucky Coffey or National Ass't. Treasurer was the Toastmaster and did a good job.

The Head Table consisted of M.C. Coffey, Pres. Geo. McDonald, Russ Murray, Gen. Breen, Col. Razowitz, National Commander C. L. Anderson, Robt. Dickson, Commander of Department of the East YDVA, John Rogan, President of the 101st.

The following attended the dinner or were guests during the week of the Convention: Thomas Ruiter, Co H, 103rd Inf., from So. Acworth, N. H.; Anthony Arruda, Co M, 101st Inf., from New Bedford, Mass.; Joseph Hall, Co I, 101st Inf., from New Bedford, Mass.; James N. Hardin, Military Govt. attached to 101st Inf. WW-II, from Greensboro, Tenn., he wrote the book "From New York to Oberplan"; Samuel Marts, Co B, 181st Inf., from Hornell, N. Y.; Phil Sousa, Co D, 101st Inf., from Allentown, Penn.; George Simoneau, 103rd F.A., from Tuscon, Arizona; Herbert G. Frost, Co C, 103rd M.G. Bn., from Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Louis Shavers, Co I, 101st Inf., from Oneoula, N. Y.; Elmer McWhirter, A Bty, 180th F.A., from Carnegie, Pa.

During the summer we had the following visitors from out of town drop in: Michael Witte, 101st F.A. Bn., Co C, WW-II, living in Madison, Wisc.; Alexander Beckett, Co A, 101st Eng., WW-I, now living in Atlanta, Ga.; Edward Ferguson, Bty C, 101st F.A., WW-I, now living in West Palm Beach, Fla.; Joseph F. Glancy, K Co, 101st Inf., now at St. Petersburg, Fla.; Samuel O'Neal, Supply Co., 101st F.A.; WW-I, living at E. Hartford, Ct.; Timothy Murphy, the newly elected Commander of the V.F.W. visited the Club with his Staff during the evening of the dinner.

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Commander — Alfred Provencial
227 Madison St., Fitchburg, Mass.

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100 Pacific Street, Fitchburg, Mass.

Our last two meetings were well attended by 30 members. A very good average of about 50% of our present membership. Our Ladies Night Party was well attended by our members, lady friends, and wives. A good time was had by all and no one got out of line, as the drinks were limited.

The Chapter voted to send 10 girls Scouts to day camp this summer. A donation was also made to the annual children's party, which is sponsored by the Fitchburg Police department.

A good time was had by all, at the National Convention, according to all reports around the Chapter rooms. A complete and humorous report was made by Bob O'Brien, who had charge of activities, and according to his remarks there was never a dull moment.

Our next big event of the season will be our annual Outing, which will be held at the Girl Scout Camp as usual. The boys all agreed to have a complete dinner of Irish Turkey and all the Fixings.

The Chapter mourns the loss of one of our older members, and first commander of the Chapter. Arthur P. Shea of Co. B 104th Inf., 26th Division, who passed away on August 14th. He was the most ardent worker for the Chapter at all times, and regarded it as his first love, above other organizations to which he belonged. He was well liked by all who knew him, and we will all miss him at meetings.

The name of Edward Lorion was drawn for the attendance prize of $10.00. Comrade Lorion was not present, so the prize increased to $15.00 for our September meeting. Be sure to attend our next meeting Ed.

Remember, DUES ARE NOW PAYABLE — all you guys that haven't kicked in as yet, DO SO NOW!

Ernest F. George, *Sec.*

LYNN CHAPTER

Commander: Robert B. Hurley
12 West Baltimore St., Lynn, Mass.

Secretary: Edmond Trudell
44 Bowler St., Lynn, Mass.

After a real hot summer we are now getting down to business. Our membership has reached 130 and still coming in. Plans are already underway for the coming fall and winter. Bill Eddows did a swell job on our Tag Day, ably assisted by Commander Bob Hurley and others.

Our annual Armistice Eve Banquet will be held November 10th at Oxford Club and A. Raymond Doucette was appointed Chairman, assisted by Charles Scanlon, Thomas Curran, Walter Smith, Edwin Streeter, Charles Benway, Perley Knight, Edmond Trudell, Edward Saulnier, Leslie Pugh, Leon Denis, Albert Couillard, Edward Nicholson, Percy Paige, Eustis Grimes, Oliver Nichols, Leon Varnam, Newton Courtney, George Walton, William Eddows, Claude Hoag, Comander Robert Hurley, Leander Maes, Robert Quinn, Col. John Pickett, Roy Knox, Sylvester Morrison, William Perry, Earl Bailey, Richard Hennessey, Leonard Burnham, George Wood, Willis Harvey, Christian Schacht, Harold Guppy, Lawrence Kelley, Charles Burrill, James McGee, Thomas Hennessey, Stephen Walsh, Joseph Jackman, Dr. George Kirkpatrick, Dr. Arthur Pierce, Gustave Johnson, William Clapp, Leo Agnew.

Also Raymond Booth, Arthur Barnaby, William Beaudro, James Connolly, Ernest Cyr, Charles Currie, Samuel Colby, Albert Fallon, Arthur Flynn, Michael Garofano, William Gaffney, Carl Holstrom, George Young, Samuel Weiner, Albert Harrington, Clarence Sewell, George Stevens, Joseph Laffey, Christopher Vance, Stephen Torrey, Bert Narbis, Norville Milmore, Marshall Taylor, John Hannigan, Charles Balcom, Clarence Howard, Francis Tetlow, Herbert Weeks, Harland McPhetres, Frank Hentschel, Robert Telford, Frank "Mike" O'Shea, William Roome, Arthur Jannell, Grady Salter, Prescott Whittier, Ralph Junkins, John Maxwell, Edgar P. Walsh, Joseph Vienneau, Louis Selvitella, Col. Peter O'Neil, Willard Jackson, Clayton Pevear, Timothy O'Connell, Francis Tobin, Joseph Parker, Walter Skinner, Stanley Rewinski, Dominic Rotundi, E. Russell Peach, Ignatius Raczka, Leonard Peach, William Seutell.

The Chapter also voted to once again conduct its annual Christmas Party at Chelsea Soldiers Home Hospital with Ray Doucette again in charge and a large Committee assisting, exact date to be announced later.

The membership of the Lynn Chapter is fast acquiring a grand-pappy status, what with 2 new additions to the grandpaw class in PNC A. Raymond Doucette and PC Charlie Scanlon.

Doucette's daughter recently gave birth to a boy, while Scanlon's daughter gave birth to a girl.

Congratulations, grand-pops.

At impressive ceremonies during the July 26th meeting of Lynn Chapter YDVA, PC Eustis B. Grimes was accorded the distinction of being presented with an official flag of his rank as Admiral in the Confederate Navy. This flag will no doubt be frequently seen in the waters of the Swampscott area where Grimes does some fishing.

The Duke

NORTHAMPTON

Commander: Peter L. Balise
235 State St., Northampton, Mass.

Secretary: Douglass B. Alexander
Hendrick St., Easthampton, Mass.

The first fall meeting of the chapter was held Sept. 1st at the American Legion rooms in Memorial Hall in "Hamp." This was necessitated because our old meeting room in the old High School Bldg. has been taken over by

the city for school purposes. However we have a meeting place in the Legion rooms for the present and plans are being discussed for a future permanent (we hope) location.

On Tuesday, August 30th, the chapter members and Auxiliary ladies combined to put on our usual annual picnic for the Vets at the Hospital in Leeds. Hot dogs, hamburgers, cookies, rolls, ice cream and coffee were served to about 100 patients.

In the past there has been confusion about mail being sent to the old High School or to individuals which caused a delay on some matters. In the future, will all concerned please address official business matters to me at this address:

Douglass B. Alexander, Sec.,
Hendrick Street,
Easthampton, Mass.

Guess that will be all till next time.

D. B. Alexander, *Sec.*

PLYMOUTH

"Plymouth Rock Chapter"

Commander: Alfred N. Gifford
3 Sagamore Street, Plymouth, Mass.

Secretary: Earl Alexander
65 Alden Street, Plymouth, Mass.

Dear Guy,

Our annual reunion and clam bake of last Sunday, August 21st was a great success with more than one hundred present. The gang came early and stayed till late in the evening. Frank Monish as usual put on a great feed assisted by Doc Dittmar, John Cadman, Mel Sampson, Mario Alberghini, Dave Brewer and Tippy Smith.

Karl Roberts was general Chairmen with Louis Morton in charge of entertainment.

E. Alexander and Freddy Jackson did a good job on tickets and publicity.

General William Blake was with us as well as Slivers Connors, Buckey Coffey, Bill Riley, Ed. O'Leary, Edgar Toole, Goldie Goldman, John Fratus and Elmer Berg.

General Vince Breene D.S.C., Major George Cronin, Nicholas Flemming and Henry Goodnough all former officers with D Company were here and we are sure grateful to them.

Major Charles Robbins for whom the Lodge at West is named was present as was General Andrew J. Carr. Both former commanders of D Co., Alfred Gifford our President worked hard with the reception committee.

Charles Carver, Emile Savard, Joseph Doucette and Russell Holmes came down from Middleboro.

Jimmie O'Neil and Bill Brown with Pete Dries who was one of D Co. buglers arrived early and enjoyed the whole day.

James Scanlon a past President of the Lynn Chapter and of course D Co. with his brother Charlie were here, they brought their wives with them and while they attended the reunion the ladies visited Plymouth. Herbert Stewart, Hubert O'Rourke, Dan Sullivan, E. Randall, Warren Lewis, Al Douglas, Louis Covell, Silvio Pellegrini, Sidney McCosh, James Martin, Jumbo Dries, Joe Darsch, Clifton Burgess, Dave Dale, Jake Peck, Spink Donlevy, Arthur Hatheway, Elmer Boutin, O. B. Soule, and many others, friends of D Co. came to Plymouth for the day.

The weather was perfect, our only regret is that more of our members could not have been here, I know they missed a grand reunion.

Sincerely,

Earl Alexander, *Sec.*

SPRINGFIELD

Commander: Angelo M. Curto
24 Crystal Avenue, Springfield, Mass.

Secretary: Thomas F. Crokan
86 Chilson Street, Springfield, Mass.

The Chapter and the Auxiliary held its Annual Installation in the beautiful Mahogany Room of the Auditorium with the National Commander and National President doing the honors. Bob Beach was Chairman of the Committee who represented the representatives of the various organizations present.

The Officers installed were: Comdr. Angelo M. Curto, WW-II; 1st Vice Comdr., James J. Geary; 2nd Vice Comdr, William J. McCormick, WW-II; Secretary, Thomas F. Crokan; Treasurer, Ben Johnson; Chaplain, Earle Winkley; Judge Advocate, John B. Hourihan; Sergeant-at-Arms, Albert Bergeron, WW-II. The Board of Directors are William G. Ficher, John L. Lowe, D. J. Brunton, R. L. Beach and R. F. Patch. After the ceremonies all retired to the Chapter Quarters to be served a nice luncheon, the caterer being Ed. Hutchins of Northampton, Mass. The Hospital Committee is headed by J. J. Geary, and Bill McCormick will be in charge of Service work and Community Service. Harry Valentine did a nice job as Chairman of Refreshments and the Ladies were as always on the job with a big assist in the plans for the Installation.

Plans for the Family Picnic took place August 14th and will have the complete story in next issue. Ten to one that Irene Maley will win the Rolling Pin throw. The Chapter presented the local library with a History of the Division. Latest members to come in are Leon Hutchins, 102nd Ambulance Co.; Bill Forest of Co. B., 104th Inf. Thomas Brennan, Joe Liquori an honorary member have reupped for the tenth year. He was in the Navy in WW-II. Lt. Col. Richard G. Risley has just returned from Okinawa. The Colonel came up in the ranks of the 104th Inf., and served all thru WW-II. He has been since that time stationed in several places. He is now assigned to the 101st Inf., M.N.G. and will go to camp at Pine Camp New York. Having been returned to this country after a colorful period of service for a 15 day furlough it was rudely interrupted by his recent assignment.

To all members there may be a YD buddie who lives in your neighborhood, pay him a visit and sign him up. George Moore is back on his feet again, he and his family were hit hard by a series of sicknesses but all are doing well now. About 20 of the Chapter and the Auxiliary

went to the Convention in Manchester. The turnout of YD Comrades at the parade was something to shout about. The Fitchburg Chapter with their colors and thirty members lead the Veterans Group. What helped to fill the ranks was a large number of 103rd comrades.

Mrs. O. S. Burt, wife of Orville Burt chapter member, died Monday, Sept. 5th. Members of chapter sympathizes with him in his loss.

Tom Crokan, *Sec.*

WORCESTER CHAPTER

Commander: Joseph F. Maynard
429 Pleasant St., Worcester, Mass.

Secretary: Sheldon L. Goodwin
37 Wellington St., Worcester, Mass.

At a special meeting of the Executive Committee, held on Thursday evening, August 4, 1955, the applications (for membership), of Lester J. Allen, and Daniel J. O'Leary were accepted; and will be made known at an early chapter meeting in the fall. Mr. Allen was formerly in C Company, 104th Infantry, and Mr. O'Leary was with HH Company, 104th Infantry; both having been World War I veterans. The 104th Infantry is very well represented in the chapter; and now, we're trying to get veterans from some other units, as well.

In the very near future, Jr. Vice Commander Harold (Bud) Gould hopes to instigate an annual membership drive, with the help of Chaplain John Judge; and also Adjutant Sheldon Goodwin, to see if we cannot only get new members, but get the kind of men who will come out regularly, and take active part, or run for office. It is very possible that we may soon have members from the 328th Infantry, WW-II, 181st Infantry, WW-II, 101st Infantry, WW-II, and the 101st and 102nd F. A. units of either WW-I or WW-II . . . along with other units being represented.

The 'Emmett Guards' . . . a unit of World War I veterans of the 181st Infantry, is planning a Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner, to be held outdoors or indoors, according to weather conditions on Sunday, September 18, 1955, at 1 P.M. Sporting events, such as races, or softball games will follow. This affair is to be held at the ever-famous Shrewsbury Rifle Range, where the old-time Clam-Bakes were held at one time, and also at the 1950 National Convention, YDVA held here in Worcester, just at the outbreak of hostilities in Korea at the 38th Parallel.

On Monday evening, September 19th, at 7 P.M., Worcester Chapter, and the Auxiliary under Commander Joseph Maynard, and President Florence Premo will conduct its annual Beano Party at the V.A. Hospital in Rutland Heights, Mass. There are several members of the chapter who are patients out there; and also several of our members who work there, full time. This is an event to which all the patients look forward to with much enthusiasm each year, usually in the fall. Many members of the Chapter and Auxiliary help to conduct this event every year . . . and of course, many prizes are won by the patients.

At this time, several members are making plans to attend the first State Department meeting of the fall; at Northampton Hotel, in Northampton, on Saturday afternoon, September 10th, at 2 P.M., with the Department Auxiliary meeting in another section of the hotel, at the same time. In the evening, there is to be a Testimonial Dinner to Past State Department President Stella LaVallee, of Northampton . . . which is being sponsored by Northampton Chapter and its Auxiliary, under Commander Peter Balice, and President Helen Peltz. National Commander Clarence Anderson and Mrs. Anderson are expected to be in attendance, with his two National Sgts-at-Arms: namely, Mass. State Commander Roy Reimer, of Boston; and Past N. H. Dept. Commander John Bechard, of Portsmouth, N. H.

On Sunday, September the 11th under Commander Joseph Maynard, and President Florence Premo, members are going to the 2nd Annual Memorial Service for all YD veterans of all wars, at the Cathedral of the Pines, in Rindge, N. H. This service is under Past Nat. Comdr. James F. B. Meikle of Bristol, Conn. Chapter, and was attended last September, by one of the largest turnouts of YD members and veterans, in any veterans gathering since World War I, that is any gathering of YD veterans. Last September, Past Nat'l. Commander Peter Bourget, of Saylesville, R. I., presented a stone from the original church at Belleau Woods, France, to the Chapel at the 'Pines' . . . after having secured it, during the famous "YD" pilgrimage of April and May, 1952. There is another section of the stone at National Headquarters, in Boston, waiting to be placed at, or presented to another well known gathering spot for YD veterans. This may be decided at a meeting in the near future.

On Sunday, September 18, 1955, Worcester Chapter will be host to the National Executive Committee, when it will hold one of its fall meetings here, at 2:30 P.M. National Commander Clarence Anderson, of Portsmouth, N. H., will be in charge, and there will be refreshments.

Worcester Chapter, at this writing, has 133 paid-up members for this year, 11 of whom are World War II veterans.

Always, in 'YDVA,'

Sheldon Goodwin, *Sec.*

P. S.—The unit of YD veterans called the "Emmett Guards" is from the 101st Infantry of WW-I, not the 181st Infantry. I know this is an unforgiveable error on my part. Thank you.

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DEADLINE FOR NEXT ISSUE

NOVEMBER 15, 1955

DEPARTMENT OF CONNECTICUT

Commander: George Riickerl, 102 Grove St., Stamford, Conn.
Secretary: Clyde Beckwith, 291 Highland St., Manchester, Conn.

STATE MEETING

Due to the inclement weather the meeting was adjourned from the Memorial Park to the Elks Home.

Meeting called to order by Comdr. Riickerl at 3:45 P.M. Following the opening ritual the chair recognized P.N.C. James Meikle, P.N.C. Al Herman and P.D.C.'s Geer, Porter, Lindgren, Marcus and Caravatt. Roll call showed 8 Chapters represented and 7 officers present.

Illness: None reported from floor. Chaplain Lindgren reports the following at West Haven Hospital, Justin Miner, Barney Wynne, Frank Brada, Jack Carter (all from New Haven), Charles Caffery of Waterbury, and Harold Spang. It was reported from the floor that the following Comrades have passed away since the last meeting; Albert Newsome and George Burns of Bristol and Henry Bernard and Col. Ramsey of Hartford.

History Committee: Chaplain Lindgren read card from Mr. John White at West Haven Hospital thanking Dept. for the two Histories and the books are now in the libraries for the use of all patients.

New Business: Motion made by P.N.C. Meikle that Treas. acknowledge gift of $25.00 from National for Hospital work. So voted. Comrade Titus spoke on the subject of printing a new issue of WHO'S WHO. Comrades Porter, Caravatt and Marcus also spoke on this subject and suggested that another issue be published. Motion made by Porter, seconded by Bauer that this be done. It was so voted. Comrade Titus accepted this vote and said that he would go ahead with it but would like to change the method of getting the Ads. He would like all Chapters to get ads in their towns rather than have an outsider get them and in this way we would get more money out of it.

Good of Y.D.: Titus spoke on Testimonial Dinner to Jim Meikle to be held at the Elks Home in Bristol on Saturday, Oct. 15th at 7:00 P.M. Tickets are $5.00 per person and can be secured from Titus and Bauer or your chapter Commander. Make your reservations early. A Roast Beef Dinner will be served and there will be entertainment. Pass this word on to your members. Rooms will be available for those who wish to stay all night but must be reserved not later than one week before the dinner. Note . . . October 12th is the deadline on reservations for the dinner tickets.

Of Special Note . . . Notify all your chapter members.

P.N.C. Jim Meikle announced that the annual Pilgrimage to the Cathedral in the Pines at Rindge, N. H., will be held on Sunday, Sept. 11th. The Memorial Service will be held at 11:00 A.M.

P.N.C. Al Herman was called on and gave us his usual fine pep talk on what it means to be a member of the Y.D.

October National Executive Meeting to be held in Bristol on Saturday afternoon at 3:00 P.M. Previous to Testimonial Dinner to P.N.C. Meikle.

BRISTOL MONT SEC CHAPTER

Commander: Charles D. Goudreault
43 Fairview Ave., Bristol, Conn.
Secretary: Clyde Beckwith
291 Highland St., Manchester, Conn.

Our first meeting of the fiscal year was held the second Friday in September with a good attendance and paid-up membership of 72. Since our last meeting in June we lost Albert Newsome by death. Commander Goudreault, Loren White, and John Wysenski acted as bearers at the military funeral. Elijah Taylor and Charles Sturgeon are on the sick list. We were glad to see Arvid Anderson able to be present after recovering from some broken ribs. John McGrady was also present after being seriously ill.

Fire Chief George Graham's wife died and there were some bad losses by flood when Hurricane Diane struck, especially in Unionville. Steve Kacerik and Ernest Hudon lost their homes, Fred Bauer lost his printing business and almost everything on the first floor of his home, and Bill Thompson had serious damage to his property. Fred lost no time in buying a new press and was again in business 48 hours after the disaster. Some of the comrades are helping the less fortunate clean up the mess.

More than 40 members will attend the Jim Meikle testimonial dinner at the Bristol Elks Club, Saturday, October 15th so it was voted to dispense with our regularly scheduled October meeting.

Arvid Anderson reported that the new YD markers have been placed on all YD graves in the Bristol area.

Our guest of the evening, Howard Titus of Hartford, is chairman of the Jim Meikle dinner committee and he announced that PNC Al Herman will act as toastmaster.

Lawrence Bates submitted for the record the list of Terryville Commanders before the merger with Bristol: Otto Harbert (deceased), Michael Olie, Stanley Ploski, Stanley Gosinski, and Ray North.

Clyde G. Beckwith, *Sec.*

WINDHAM COUNTY CHAPTER

Commander: Euclid Pimpare
466 Pleasant St., Willimantic, Conn.
Secretary: Gardiner Hall
South Willington, Conn.

Our first Chapter meeting since summer vacation was held at the home of PC Pimpare and former Dept. Sergeant-at-Arms. The meeting was not big membership wise but it didn't lack for that certain something called YD Spirit. To our genial host and hostess goes a great big "Thank You" for making this an outstanding meeting.

We had one guest, Lieut. Col. Bill Seitz, formerly with the 26th. Infantry. Bob Hall has moved from Norwich to

Groton and is now much nearer his work running a grocery store. It was reported Marty Cohen was to enter the Vets Hospital at Jamaica Plain in Boston. No YD men as of now that we know of were damaged by the recent floods. Nelson Wraight, Vic Brunelle two long lost members showed up and it was nice to see them again. Not too much business anymore, mostly a social time and who won the war bull session.

Membership is now at 22 and those who are not in, better get going. Next meeting October 10th at Pat Haggerty's and the one following that on November 14th at Nelson Wraight's. The Annual Christmas party will be held this year at the home of the Secretary. No details as yet. The following were elected last May as officers for the year:

Commander, Robert A. Hall, Norwich; Senior Vice Commander, Tom Delaney, Norwich; (Office of Jr. Vice was eliminated); Secretary, Gardiner H. Hall, Willington; Treasurer, Elliott R. Moshier, Willimantic; Historian and Chaplain, Dr. Keating, Willimantic; Sergeant-at-Arms, Pimpare; Trustees, Haggerty and Wraight.

Gardiner H. Hall, *Sec.*

DEPARTMENT OF RHODE ISLAND

Commander: Walter G. Misewicz, 16 Samoset, Central Falls, R. I.
Secretary: Homer W. Poirier, 39 Edgemere Rd., Pawtucket, R. I.

PROVIDENCE CHAPTER

Commander: Joseph Taci
57 Robbin St., Providence, R. I.
Secretary-Treasurer: Guy M. Kittredge
107 Lexington Ave., Providence 7, R. I.

Providence Chapter opened it's fall meeting Monday, Sept. 12th. at the Driftwood Restaurant with 26 members present. A good turn-out for the first meeting of the new year.

We had about 22 of our members go to the Memorial Service at The Cathedral of The Pines and all agreed it was a fine service. Our National Commander Clarence Anderson carried out a job well done, assisted by P.N.C. Ben Bourne and Jim Sullivan. Special tribute goes to our National Treasurer Al Pacifici for a very fine solo.

Providence is hoping this can be a yearly event, only something must be done about the hour, so that a larger crowd will be there. This writer in speaking to Mr. Sloan about this, said it could be done if we combined our service with the afternoon service. Why not if it will get the attendance.

Our good comrade Bill McAllister has been in the Vet's hospital all summer, but should be going home by the time you read this.

Providence has 112 members paid-up. Now if you don't have a 1955-1956 Due Card in your bill fold, send your dues in to the secretary.

Yours in YD comradeship,
Guy M. Kittredge, *Sec.-Treas.*

DEPARTMENT OF MAINE

Commander: Elton P. Walker, 16 Eleanor St., Portland, Maine

ANDROSCOGGIN VALLEY CHAPTER

Commander: Harold Howard
31 Spring St., Auburn
Secretary: Norman S. Thomas
150 Sabbattus St., Lewiston, Maine

At the June meeting of the Androscoggin Valley Chapter of the YDVA, Frank C. Jackson, RFD No. 2A of Auburn, who served in World War I with the 101st Trench Mortar Battery was elected commander, with Laurent A. Samson, 21 Montello street, Lewiston, a member of Co. C, 101st Engineers in World War I as senior vice-commander, and Archie Rouleau, Auburn jeweler, member of Co. B, 103rd Inf. in World War I elected junior vice-commander. Re-elected were: Jesse C. Farnum, treasurer; Norman S. Thomas, secretary; Joseph Cychol, chaplain; Richard Woodbury, historian; Mike O'Brien, sergeant-at-arms and as trustees, T. E. Hudson, Eugene Beaudoin and Isadore Fogel.

A welcome guest that night was Comdr. Henry Moore of the New York City Chapter, a former Lewiston resident. He spoke very feelingly of the aims and ideals of the Yankee Division organization and told many interesting stories about the activities of his chapter.

For the first time since 1940 the Chapter was unable to sponsor the annual showing of The World of Mirth. Inability to secure suitable grounds on the dates needed, cancelled the annual money making activity. However the WOM played at the Maine State Fair on the week of July 25 and in appreciation of past business associations, Frank Bergin and Bucky Allen, owners of the carnival gave the YD chapter a very sizeable donation.

The annual reunion of the 101st Trench Mortar Battery of the Yankee Division in World War I and the annual outing of the Androscoggin Valley Chapter of the YDVA was combined at the East Auburn home of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Cychol, late in August. Lobsters were the main part of the menu, with the "mess line" going through three times before the chow hounds called it a day.

The gathering was honored by the presence of National Commander and Mrs. Clarence L. Anderson of Portsmouth, N. H., who gave a very interesting talk to the group. Among the speakers were also Henry F. Moore, formerly of Lewiston, Commander of the New York City Chapter, who was present with his wife.

Most of the TMB members were also members of the AVC of YDVA.

The TMB group consisted in addition to Moore, Frank C. Jackson, Stephen Farrell, Thomas E. Hudson, and George Dulac, of Auburn; Norman S. Thomas, Eugene A. Beaudoin, and Joseph Veilleux, of Lewiston; James H. Eacott, Lisbon Falls and Hartford, Conn.; Harold W. Maxwell, Turner; Wilbur Gantnier, Bennedicta; Eugene L. Tebbetts, Lockes Mill; David M. Coffin, Freeport; Joseph T. Karkos, and George E. McCarthy, Lisbon Falls; Earl L. Swett, Brewer; and Albert M. Thomsen, Portland.

The YDVA members of the local chapter were John Robertson, William J. Cook, Michael F. O'Brien and Laureat A. Sampson, Lewiston; Joseph J. Cychol, Parmelus Dionne, Harold Howard and Richard H. Woodbury, Auburn; Louis Vivier, Sanford, and William E. Roach and Thomas J. Smith, both formerly of Lewiston, now of South Portland.

Because of a serious accident in which his wife received two broken legs, Capt. James A. Walsh, formerly of Lewiston, now of Marblehead, Mass., was unable to attend. He was commanding officer of the Trench Mortar Battery during its most active service in World War I.

DEPARTMENT OF THE EAST

Commander: Robert B. Dickson, 320 Gregory Ave., West Orange, Penn.
Secretary:

PHILADELPHIA

"Charles H. Frazier" Chapter
Commander: Arthur C. Raver
2439 Ardsey Ave., Glenside, Pa.
Secretary: William P. Brown
648 E. Raymond St., Philadelphia 20, Pa.

On a very hot, humid, and uncomfortable night in August, I am very proud to report that fourteen hot, humid and uncomfortable, but ever-faithful members of our Chapter turned out for the regular August meeting. We postponed the July meeting. Some conjecture it was due to the record-breaking heat wave; but we are YD men! I'll just say it was due to circumstances beyond our control. Apparently the only one really prepared for the hot night was Bill Forsythe, who showed up at the August meeting wearing a pair of sharp, short trousers. How about making dark blue short trousers (not called Bermuda shorts anymore, I understand), the official summer uniform of the YD? Let's hear your comments on the matter regardless of the fact that the gals say we're pretty "cool" numbers regardless of our attire.

I don't know the situation in other states, but here in Pennsylvania women are being employed as crossing guards at schools during school hours so as to release foot patrolmen for more urgently needed service elsewhere. After some serious discussion of the matter (we didn't bat an eye at the cute blond on the corner of . . . .), we went on record as favoring the employment as well of honorably discharged veterans who are physically able to perform this duty. We feel that they could well use the extra income such a position would bring in.

A few more comrades, once in arms — now in hand, have re-upped for this year and we are steadily climbing in membership. We'd like to bring all former members back into the fold, plus as many new ones as possible. So far the situation looks promising, and I hope this spurs each of us toward greater activity along membership lines. Let's see some action for after all, words are just words. I think the notice in Yankee Doings to the effect that the July-August issue will be the last issue until dues are paid will serve as a reminder to many of us who have let dues slip our minds. The word dues will always be a painful word to those who owe dues, so why not spare yourself the pain brother and dig into your pockets. It's better than having to dig a foxhole, eh? Remember too, the quickest way to lose contact with the YD is to be without the magazine and, vice versa; the magazine, plus regular attendance at Chapter meetings is the best way to keep alive the spirit which holds us together.

Our Chapter wishes to congratulate Comrade Clarence L. Anderson on his election as National Commander, and we pledge our whole-hearted cooperation in the task of making this a banner year for the YD.

Eureka! We finally found George Linthicum's picture in the YD history. It is very good of him, but I wonder what he is looking for down inside that motor?

We should get our ping-pong games started soon. The past few meetings have been too hot for such strenuous activity — strenuous that is, the way we play it. The card players never let a minor thing like heat stop them from playing though. They're like the celluloid ping pong ball — no matter how hard they're hit, they keep right on going.

For you guys who haven't been out to meetings for awhile now, how about turning out in September? You'll be missed if you're not there—not a threat—just the facts man. That's all we want—just the facts—the fact of each of you present at the meeting. You'll receive the Flyer in plenty of time to set aside that one night for the YD. See you in September.

Art Raver, *Comdr.*

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NOVEMBER 15, 1955

NATIONAL YD AUXILIARY

President: Mabel Ross, 134 Middle St., Portsmouth, N. H.
Secretary: Laurice J. Harmon, 73 Whipple Rd., Kittery, Maine

I should have had this in the last issue of the Yankee [illegible]nngs, but time slipped away so rapidly for which I am [illegible]ryy.

I want to thank all the Y.D.V.A. Auxiliary for seeing [illegible] to elect me as their National President. I shall look for [illegible]p from each and every one to make this a prosperous [illegible]ar.

I shall with the help of God carry out my obligations, [illegible]d I do all in my power to make this a banner year for [illegible]r Auxiliary.

I know it is an honor to serve you and I am sure it [illegible]ll be a pleasure to serve you as National President.

Mabel S. Ross,

Nat. Pres. Y.D.V.A. Aux.

MAJ. GEN. CLARENCE R. EDWARDS CHAPTER AUXILIARY

President: Gertrude Wood
Palmer Avenue, Kittery, Maine

Secretary: Laurice J. Harmon
73 Whipple Rd., Kittery, Maine

Our annual picnic was held with the Chapter at Hilton [illegible]aark, Dover Point. Fifteen attended from our own with [illegible]hree guests. Eight from Manchester including our State [illegible]Department Commander Charles Weaver. A picnic lunch [illegible]was enjoyed by all. Yankee Swap was played and the men [illegible]njoyed horseshoe.

Of course we must not forget our own National Presi[illegible]dent Mabel Ross, and to her we extend our congratulations [illegible]nd a very successful year.

She has filled all offices in local, department, and now [illegible]n National and served on all major committees.

We must not omit our congratulation to our National Commander Clarence Anderson and also wish him a very successful year.

There were six of the auxiliary members which attended the convention at Manchester.

The Anderson's attended the picnic at Worcester.

Laurice J. Harmon, Sec.

WORCESTER YDVA AUXILIARY

President: Florence Premo
15 Hammond St., Worcester, Mass.

Secretary: Mary Boyd
413 W. Main St., Northboro, Mass.

On August 13th, we had our annual picnic at the home of Gene and Minnie Gilliam. Despite the fact that "Diane" was lurking nearby we had thirty-four attending, including National President and Mrs. Clarence Anderson from Portsmouth, N. H., Doctor and Mrs. Burns and Mrs. Fuller from Manchester, N. H., and Department President and Mrs. Roy Reimer and Lillian McGonigle from Boston, which was a pleasant surprise to all of us. Because of winds and showers we spent our time in the house, the garage and the cellar but had a good feast and a good time. The following week "Diane" really let Worcester and Worcester County have it, with her torrential rains. Most of our county members were isolated but thank God no physical injuries except broken backs from bailing water and moving things to higher places in our cellars.

We had our meeting on Sept. 10th and also our annual beano party in September at Rutland V. A. Hospital. So after a summer of torrid heat, gusty winds, torrential rains and the dread "Polio" we are all wishing for the long cold winter.

Yours in Y.D.,

Mary T. Boyd, Sec'y.

Company 'C' 101st Engineers WW-I

The annual September meeting of Co C, 101st Engineers, WW-I, was held at the regular dugout, the Sea Side House, Old Orchard Beach, Maine, on Saturday, September 11, 1955.

The following forty-one members of Co 'C' Association showed up: Harry Porter, Walter Livermore, Horace DelGrosso, Harold Hadley, Norville Milmore, Elroy Booth, Harold Heald, Zenus Whitten, Wilfred Ross, Ken Goodwin, Tom Smith, Tony Brackett, Stuart Oscar, Vic Swart, Edwin Ribero, Albert Ballard, George Kilpatrick, Blanchard Brown, Eben Clough, Charles Churchill, Louis Yennaco, Henri Marindin, Bill Munroe, Carl Peterson, Gordon, Perry Maddocks, Pete McGarvey, Allen Lyndell, Charles Foster, Leland Cahoon, Gus Hecker, Ed Storer, Chester Hatt, Laureat Sampson, Bartlett, Rowe, Cortes Herrick, Mal Chesley, Sid Whitaker and Dwight Underwood.

Whitaker came all the way from Cleveland, Ohio, Marindin from Philadelphia and Charles Foster from Halifax, Nova Scotia to be with us. That sure was a bit of 'C' Company spirit.

"E COMPANY ECHOES"

Right on top is a letter dated December 9th, 1954, from Doddy Bent, then in Clearwater, Florida . . . Wonder if he knows a friend of mine down there — Walter Sharpe . . . Doddy started off his letter with some very complimentary words about "Echoes" and then told about his trek up this way last Summer . . . Stopped at Wayland, Dennisport, Marshfield, all in Massachusetts, then up to Newberry, Vermont, to pick up his daughter Sylvia at Camp Farwell . . . In New Hampshire, he stopped at Wilton to inquire as to the whereabouts of Chet Thomas . . . He selected the Town Hall as a logical place to get the information and he was right . . . His informant volunteered the information that there was an exhibit of Chet's work upstairs in the Town Hall . . . An inspection took place and Doddy was high in his praise of the display of "knotty pine fiddle stools, cow stools, beautiful shelves for books and things" to quote our official inspector . . . His guide spoke very highly of Chet's craftsmanship and apparently Doddy thought the favorable opinion well justified . . . He later found Tommy at his home on a sightly location, "white and neat, with barns and shops and cattle, also a guest house on the property" and living the kind of life which pleased and satisfied him . . . Good for you, Tommy! . . . The name of Wilton in New Hampshire, is a familiar one to me as an old friend of mine has been going there for summers for years . . . His name is Ed. Hallett and he's a grand guy though quite feeble as to health for the past two or three years . . . Doddy's report is the first news we've had of Chet for years . . . Will send a copy of this issue to Wilton to see if it will stir him up to send in more news.

A note dated December 9th says that Jim Chisholm took the trip mentioned in a previous issue and, while he was feeling better, he still had to take things easy for the good of his health . . . By the way, in Doddy's letter he said mention of Jim in "Echoes" brought back memories of Jim singing "Can't You Hear Me Calling, Caroline." . . . December 31st Walter Jenks phoned that he had just been transferred to Boston a few days before and would be in the office of Whitman & Howard, Civil Engineers, with whom he had been working in Attleboro . . . Met him on the street some days later and he seemed to be enjoying his stretch of duty in the big city . . . Frank McNally who goes to Indian Rock, Fla., each year, was planning to look up Doddy on his 1955 trip but we haven't heard whether or not they made connections.

Our first news in 1955 was sad as it brought word of the death of our old comrade Russell Francis . . . Flowers were sent on behalf of his old buddies and a letter was written his widow expressing our sorrow at his passing . . . Fred Campbell represented our Company at the funeral . . . There may have been others about whom we were not informed . . . Jake Stahl had phoned us late in December that Russ was in the V.A. Hospital and on the danger list.

Early in January Bill Kearns saw service on a Suffolk County jury in Boston . . . That's a good experience for any citizen! . . . Red Denner is with the Small Business Administration at 40 Broad St., Boston — or was early this year . . . He had 'phoned Ye Ed. that he was going to call on him but it didn't come about as that was one of the times that the virus took a hand in proceedings and Ye Ed. was home in bed . . . Sorry, Red, let's try again . . . Here's a rough memorandum which shows that there were men on the roster of "E" Co. from 33 out of the 48 States . . . Not bad for a little old New England outfit! . . . Here's a note that takes us back to Christmas cards . . . The Gorely family card was designed by Carl's daughter Barbara . . . It must be nice to have talent like that right in your own family . . . The silhouette showed three generations, from Carl, or Charles, as the card says, to his grandson Grafton Teller.

As usual Arthur Stanley sent his first check of the year to the "Echoes" kitty . . . Said he was laid up in the hospital by an automobile collision and was just beginning to think of checks instead of a pair of wings and a harp . . . The silver lining to the cloud was that Orville Caseley had him so well covered by insurance that it helped soothe the hurt . . . Met Bill Crosby on the street on what was up to that time the coldest, windiest day of the season and he insisted on our taking five bucks from him for "Echoes" — even provided a pencil and piece of paper for recording the event! . . . We were sorry to learn from Walter Jenks that Bill LeClair passed on in January . . . He was on the Pawtucket (R. I.) police force . . . Johnny Priestley was up for re-election as a Town Meeting Member of Milton, Mass., in March of this year . . . Hope he won!

Now comes a notation that Ye Ed. ran into two "E" men on the same day late in January — Bill Crosby in the Waldorf Cafeteria on State St., having a coffee break . . . (Good for you Bill; said Ed. is a director of Waldorf and your business is appreciated) and later in the day saw Jake Stahl for a brief chat in South Station . . . Early in February we had a card from Mrs. Frank Vigon telling us that Frank has been through a serious operation and was recuperating at the V.A. Hospital in Boston . . . We wrote Frank, and also his wife, and called up a few "E" men, but haven't heard what conditions are now . . . We hope Frank is now back home again feeling much better . . . Met Warren McLeod on School St. and had a short chat . . . He sees Herbie Thurston and Bert Denner but not many other "E" men . . . John Foley sent us a card from Palm Beach, Fla., in February . . . Was enjoying a vacation in 75 degree weather . . . Walter Ripley was down at Bel-Air, or Belleaire, or however it is spelled, and he reported that one morning the thermometer was 29 degrees—colder than it was in Boston on the same date . . . Pick your spots, boys, when you go to Florida . . . Thanks, Maurice Corkery, for your nice note at the time of the bank consolidation . . . For the first time, Bill Mattson took a winter vacation late in February and early in March down in that same southern State that seems to attract so many . . . Didn't hear how he fared as to weather.

YANKEE DOINGS

The Caseley family got in the news quite a bit in the past six months as here's a nice picture of Orville, representing his big Company — Travelers Insurance — at a ceremony celebrating the 30th anniversary of the Quincy office . . . He still looks as if he could step into the ring with very little training . . . Walter Jenks has a new address—2 Vista Court, Pawtucket, R. I. and my note says he had one daughter and four grandchildren, with another expected, as of April 6, '55 . . . Haven't had latest news . . . Bill Crosby informed us that Bill Cleaves and wife spent a month in Florida during our cold weather here . . . Met Harold Kinsman on the street and he put in a "pitch" for the Smorgasbord on Province St., Boston, as a good place for a small reunion . . . Orville Caseley told us in April he was planning a trip South and expected to drop in on Sig Heiden in Philadelphia and would pass on any news about Sig . . . Nothing in the way of a dispatch has come in since.

You will be sorry to learn that Percy Garland passed away suddenly on April 21st, 1955 . . . Here's another reply card re the Regimental reunion, reporting from Mrs. Payson that Carl was very ill in hospital . . . Seems he was having a fight with pneumonia same time we were, so later on we had quite a chit-chat talking over our sufferings . . . He was well treated at the Quigley Memorial Hospital and in spite of what he had been through he was able to lead the WW-I members of Milton Post, A. L., in the Memorial Day parade and do a lot of other things in organizations of which he's a member, so he's apparently coming back o. k. . . . Fred Campbell took George Gillman in to the Regimental dinner, and we understand Hutch, John Foley and Charlie Bateman were also there . . . Maurice Corkery, as usual, saw to it that Eddie Brush's grave was decorated on Memorial Day . . . That's a very nice, sentimental duty Maury performs each year . . . Bill Moody and Ye Ed. exchanged telegrams as usual on June 16th in memory of the "Battle of Beaumont" when Bill lost part of his shoulder . . . Next we come to several clippings about the retirement of Jack Illingworth from the Police Dept. of Braintree, Mass. as of July 1st, '55 . . . Jack had been a leader in highway safety work and was very highly thought of by school and other authorities in that field . . . He was Safety Officer of the Braintree Police Force on his retirement and had been in that work for the past eight years or so . . . The Massachusetts Safety Officers' League presented him with a rocking chair to be used during his retirement and the Quincy paper had a picture of Jack, with a big cigar, making use of the rocker . . . Good luck, Jack, and long may you wave! . . . Just before he retired he distinguished himself by nabbing a big black snake and is reported as saying: "That snake moved pretty fast and I'm getting a little old for these assignments." He expects to spent a lot of time fishing in the years ahead . . . Many columns were printed about his grand work in saving lives of kids and other pedestrians . . . Just one more little item is repeated here and that is that he and his wife were planning on going down to Florida this fall to make their home in Eau Gallie, a little town between Jacksonville and Miami . . . Now to the list of subscribers since last issue: John Rooney, Charlie Hurter, Harold Brownson, Doddy Bent, Ed Costello, Carl Boquist, Frank MacKenna, Bill McGinn, Mrs. Bill Nimons, Bill Crosby, Arthur Stanley, Bill Plummer and George Streicher, and we'll sign off still echoing the old slogan.

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ALPHONSE ADRIEN, formerly with Co 'I', 104th Inf., WW-I, died recently at Lynn, Mass. He was a former member of the Lynn Chapter.

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ROYAL G. TUFTS, formerly with Bty 'C', 101st F. A., WW-I, died after a long illness during June, 1955. He was a former member of the Boston Chapter.

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MELVIN C. LANE, formerly with Co 'E', 101st Inf., WW-I, died recently at Reading, Mass. He was a former member of the Reading Chapter.

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JAMES F. DAILEY, formerly with Hdqrs. Troop, Div. Hdqrs., died at Dover, N. H., on July 11, 1955.

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JOHN F. DOWNING, formerly with Co 'A', 101st Signal Corps., WW-I, died in Victorville, Calif., where he has been living since WW-II. He was retired as a Lt. Col. after serving thru WW-II. He was a former member of the Boston Chapter.

MALTBY STEVENS, formerly with Co 'D', 102nd Machine Gun Co., died suddenly at Meriden, Conn., on June 28, 1955. He was a former member of the Meriden Chapter YD. He was President of the International Silver Co. of Meriden, Wallingford and New York City.

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J. HOWARD MacKINNON, formerly with Bty 'B', 101st F. A., WW-I, died at Brookline, Mass., June 29, 1955.

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JOHN J. COLLINS, formerly with Co 'A', 101st Inf., WW-I, died after a long illness at his home in Winthrop, Mass. He was a former member of the Boston Chapter.

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ELLIS ALSEN, formerly with Co 'C', 101st Signal Corps, WW-I, died at Belmont, Mass., July 23, 1955. He was a former member of the Boston Chapter.

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DANA S. STULCE, formerly with Co 'E', 102nd M.G. Bn., WW-I, died recently at Reading, Mass.

THOMAS J. DOHERTY, formerly of Co 'I', 101st Inf., WW-I, died at St. Elizabeth Hospital, Boston, Mass., June 29, 1955.

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CAPT. WALTER P. TOBEY, formerly with Bty 'B' and Hqrs., 101st F. A., WW-I, died suddenly at Marblehead, Mass., August 10, 1955.

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THOMAS H. MUSKER, formerly with Co 'I', 101st Inf., WW-I, died recently at Melrose, Mass.

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HARRY L. DUNHAM, formerly with Co 'H', 103rd Inf., WW-I, died at Keene, N. H. recently.

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EVERETT W. HOWE, formerly with the Supply Co. 103rd Inf., W-I, died August 20, 1955 at Keene, N. H. He was a former member of the Nashua Chapter YDVA.

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GENERAL EDWARD M. CONNORS, formerly with Co 'B', 101st Inf., WW-I, and Commanding Officer of the 101st Infantry after WW-II, died suddenly at his home in Wellesley, Mass., August 23, 1955. He was a member of the Boston Chapter YDVA and served with the Division after WW-I until he retired a few year ago.

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JOSEPH F. COLBY, formerly with Co 'L', 102nd Inf., WW-I, died at his home in Boston on September 4, 1955. He was a member of the Boston Chapter, YDVA.

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WILLIAM E. CRONIN, formerly with Co 'M', 101st Inf., WW-I, died at Newburyport, Mass., on June 23, 1955.

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ARTHUR L. BLACKEY, formerly with Co 'B', 101st Eng., WW-I, died August 22, 1955 at Swampscott, Mass. He was a former member of the Lynn Chapter, Y.D.V.A.

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BASIL (BASS) ROBERTS, formerly with Co 'C', 101st Eng., WW-I, died suddenly August 24, 1955 at Portland, Me.

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WILLIAM F. BOWES, formerly with Hqrs. Co., 101st Inf., WW-I, died suddenly at Boston, Mass., Sept. 11, 1955. He was a former member of the Boston Chapter. He had been getting many write ups from the Boston Papers the last year on account of refusing his retirement pay from the Commonwealth of Mass. because of the taxes taken out. The check was around sixteen thousand dollars.

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ORVILLE S. VENTRES, formerly with Co 'E', 102nd Inf., WW-I, and a veteran of the Navy in WW-II, died August 17, 1955 at New Britain, Conn. He was a Past Commander of the New Britain Chapter YDVA.

ANGUS MacDONALD, formerly with Co 'B', 101st Inf., WW-I, died recently at Boston, Mass.

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ELWIN A. SHELDON, formerly with Company 'F', 104th Inf., WW-I, died August 1, 1955 at Peabody, Mass.

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JOSEPH DURAND, formerly with Co 'M', 101st Inf., WW-I, died April, 1955 at Hudson, Mass.

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ARTHUR J. HALL, formerly with Hqrs. Co, 104th Inf., WW-I, died at Gloucester, Mass., recently.

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ALBERT NEWSOME, formerly with Co 'F', 102nd Inf., died August 3, 1955 at Bristol, Conn. He was a former member of the Bristol Chapter.

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The following were reported dead, date not known. All former members of the Portland Chapter. OSCAR ROCHELEAU, 'F', Bty., 103rd F.A.; LEROY L. GREELEY, Bty 'E', 103rd F.A.; EDWARD D. DOUGHERTY, Co 'B', 101st Eng., WW-I.

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Sympathy is extended to Michael J. Mooney of the Boston Chapter for the loss of his brother Albert recently in Winthrop, Mass.

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The following former members of the New Haven Chapter have been reported deceased: JUSTIN P. MINOR, formerly with Co 'D', 102nd Machine Gun Bn.; BERNARD ANDERSON, formerly with Battery 'E', 103rd Field Artillery and HAROLL E. SPANG, formerly with Co 'B', 102nd Inf.

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JAMES J. CORCORAN, formerly with the Supply Co., 101st Inf., WW-I, died suddenly Sept. 19, 1955 at Boston, Mass. He was a member of the YD Post No. 290 American Legion.

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GEORGE GILBODY, formerly with Hqrs. Co., 101st Inf., WW-I, died Sept. 19, 1955 at Boston, Mass. He was the Sgt. Major of the Division in WW-I.

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JAMES H. MacDONNELL, formerly with Co 'E', 101st Eng., W-I, died Sept. 21, 1955 at Cambridge, Mass. He was a former member of the Boston Chapter YDVA.

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CHESTER M. ROGERS, Bty 'F', 101st F.A., WW-I, residing in Danvers, Mass., died at V. A. Hospital, Manchester, N. H., July 19th. Funeral services were held at Danvers and burial took place at Middleton, Mass., July 22nd., several 'F' Bty veterans being present.

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